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LaDonna Tucker seeks to have murder charges dropped in seven-year old case

The long running murder trial of LaDonna Lynn Tucker continued last week with attorneys filing a motion to have the murder charges dropped, alleging that the Coffee County courts had no jurisdiction in a crime that occurred in Dale County.

In a motion filed in Pike County Circuit Court, Cary L. Dozier and

Keith Watkins, attorneys for Mrs. Tucker, quoted an Alabama law which stated that a person should be tried in the county or district in which the offense was committed.

The motion to dismiss the charges stated "Based on the evidence previously presented in this matter, it is undisputed that the victim was in Dale County, Alabama,

not Coffee County, Alabama, and that the death, due to such shooting, was instantaneous."

Continuing, the motion stated that there were no facts existing which would indicate any acts or effects of the murder were committed in Coffee County, although the victim's body was discovered in the county.

"This is not the situation in which a wound is inflicted in one county and death ensues in another county," added the motion.

Coffee County Circuit Judge Gary L. McAliley will hear the motion on July 28, in Troy.

Mrs. Tucker, a former resident of Dale County, is charged with murder for hire in connection with the Jan. 24, 1981 death of her husband, Sgt. Jimmy Tucker, whose charred remains were discovered in a burned pickup truck near Kinston.

Mrs. Tucker was found guilty of killing her husband and was sen-

tenced to life in prison on March 5, 1982; however, the Alabama Supreme Court reversed the decision in 1984 and returned the case to Coffee County for further action.

A change of venue motion was granted and the trial was moved to Pike County, but it again hit a snag when the jury was deadlocked on a verdict and a mistrial was declared in November, 1986.

The third trial of Mrs. Tucker was scheduled for March 21, 1988; however, it was postponed when Mrs. Tucker failed to appear.

Mrs. Tucker was arrested in Kansas and returned to Coffee County, where she is being held awaiting the latest round in court.



Representative Jimmy Holley presented Chamber of Commerce President Tom Maddox with the Governors' Alabama Reunion Participant certificate. Carolyn Brunson, Chairperson of the Alabama Reunion, Jeff Bimbo, Pride Chairman, Judge Marion Brunson, Preservation Chairman and Kenneth Grantham, Progress Chairman.



Pictured Above Is New Brockton City Clerk, Molly Woods, qualifying Mayor James Driskell to run for his second term in office.

Child Services office now open in

Enterprise

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sizes and singles, married and need couples can all be resources for a needy child.

"The determining factor in becoming a foster family is the desire to provide a loving therapeutic environment for an abused or neglected child," said Hansen.

Community Resources Supervisor Glenda Frazier reported that two parenting skills classes were completed in May and were taught in conjunction with Mastery of Motherhood Classes and Basic Cooking Classes sponsored by the Coffee County Extension Office.

Frazier added that a presentation on sex abuse was made to a junior high class and reported that the youngsters were always a delight and their questions indicated their keen interest and thirst for knowledge.

Food Stamp Supervisor Debbie Jones reported that in May the agency issued stamps to a total of 1,177 households, with the total number of members in the households being 2,955. The total amount of stamps issued carried a value of \$124,781.

Eligibility and Child Support Units Supervisor Dianne Parker stated that during the month of May the workers continued to be busy with regular activities such as applications, reviews and changes that must be processed on a timely basis.

"Eligibility workers are bombarded with deadlines of some sort every day," stated Parker, "and if they are not well organized and conscientious workers, the work would be difficult to cope with."

Parker added that May was another "record month" for child support collections, with a total of \$50,282.50 being collected.

Little interest shown as qualifying begins for New Brockton elections

The upcoming municipal election in the City of New Brockton has drawn little interest and after one week of qualifying only four candidates have announced plans to seek office.

Mayor Jim Driskell has filed reelection papers, while Charles B. Cole has qualified for the City Council in District 1 and Alma

Hornby and Kathryn S. Holley have qualified in District 2.

Incumbents who have yet to qualify include Ralph Medley in District 2, Gibby Minnick in District 4 and Laymon Tindol, Don Russell and Robert Miles, all now residing in District 5.

Qualifying ends on July 19.

City Board accepts Tyson resignation

A very short Elba school board meeting was held last Thursday morning at 7:30 with all members present and voting.

Candidates keep coming for elections in Elba

The upcoming city election in Elba continued to be a hot issue over the past week as two additional candidates qualified in what is fast becoming a crowded field of political hopefuls.

The Mayoral race failed to draw another candidate and stands at five, including incumbent Bob English, Jeff Bimbo, Bob Folsom, Fred Moore and Jack Prescott.

District 1, the city's predominantly black district, drew additional interest as General Telephone employee L.M. Burch qualified to oppose incumbent Gladys Yelverton and Jerry McMillan.

In District 2, incumbent John W. Sharpless is being opposed by L.F. Innan, while in District 3 Eddie Vaughan is the only candidate who has qualified.

The District 4 race has two candidates in Ben Carpenter and Bill Brunson, while in District 5 Ronnie Jirnight and Fred Qualls have filed qualifying papers.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Nadine White, who immediately turned the business over to outgoing Superintendent C. W. Crews, who was at his last official school board meeting.

Lamar Foley had already been named to replace Crews as of July 1st.

Crews read a letter of resignation from Assistant High School Principal Willie Tyson, who wrote in his request that he had accepted a position coaching football in the college ranks.

A board motion to regretfully ac-

cept the resignation was unanimously approved by the board.

Crews then told board members he had enjoyed working in Elba and would be seeing them from time to time in his position with the State Department of Education as he White adjourned the meeting with the understanding that he would see the members again through his capacity as supervisor of transportation.

It was announced that the regular monthly meeting will be on July 7th, as scheduled.

Drought meeting July 13 in Dothan

Public meetings of the Governor's Drought Task Force have been scheduled between June 29 and July 14 across the state and the meeting for area residents will take place on Wednesday, July 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the Houston County Courthouse, in Dothan.

The purpose of the meetings is twofold, according to the task force, in that it is intended to provide current drought information from the agencies represented on the task force and also provide a forum for

interested citizens to comment or ask questions related to the drought conditions.

Representatives from ADECA, United States Dept. of Agriculture, TVA, Corp. of Engineers, Alabama Power, ADEM and the Emergency Management Agency will be present at the meeting to present summaries of rainfall, ground water and surface water conditions, as well as water quality and agriculture related conditions.

For more information, call (205) 284-8735.

Republican Women to meet July 20

The Coffee County Republican Women will meet on July 20 at 12:00 (noon) at the Colony Inn re-

staurant and all interested persons are invited to attend.

American Legion

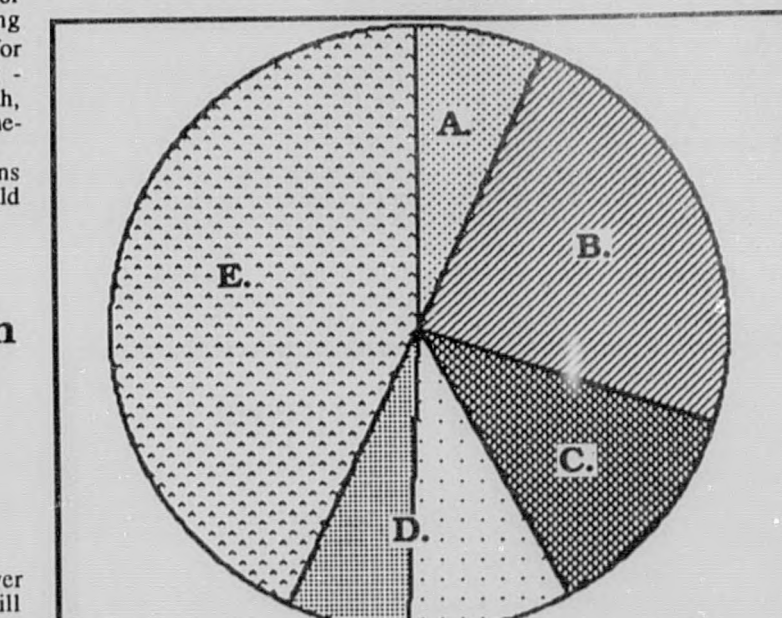
Post 42 to meet

tonight in Elba

The American Legion, Culver Post No. 42, and Auxiliary will meet tonight (Thursday, July 7), at 7:30. Plans will be made for District meeting to be held in Elba.

Plans for the new veterans home to be built in Alexander City, Ala., will be discussed, and new benefits for veterans will be announced.

A covered dish supper will be served, and all veterans and spouses are invited to attend.



OPEN CASES ON FILE IN
CHILDREN'S SERVICES AGENCY
A. Adoptions - 15 B. Foster Care - 52 C. Day Care Homes - 27
D. Foster Homes (Approved) - 19 (Inquiries) - 14
E. Child Protective Services - 96

BLEED THROUGH

BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

We read a news report of a house fire in Utah that you could say was caused by a University of Florida researcher. It seems this lady saw a report of ideas to help women suffering from a yeast infection. The doctor noted that the high temperature of a microwave oven would kill the bacteria in the underclothes. She therefore put her underwear in the microwave, set it on high and thereby set the kitchen on fire. The doctor later noted she could get the same results from bleach or from ironing the garments. The fire chief noted that once you think you have heard it all something like this comes along to make you realize there is at least one thing you have yet to hear.

The recent rains could be called the "Million Dollar Rains" by the farming interest of this area. While we haven't been in as much water trouble as some parts of the county, we were beginning to get a little hurt. If you see a man walking down the street with a big grin on his face, odds are he is either a peanut farmer or a man with a bunch of soybean land and he is figuring his profits on his bumper crop, especially since he was smart enough to sell his crop on the futures market while beans were priced at that \$10 drought price.

The 4th of July holiday was a big one this year. The fact that it was on Monday, means more people got the long weekend along with the government workers. Of course in our business holidays don't mean a whole lot, except that we have a harder time getting our staff together for a Wednesday. This year we worked until noon and called it quits. Personally, this country boy got in a little fishing before the rains hit again and it was a successful trip. We caught enough fish during the weekend to freeze some and therefore were able to give these Monday fish to a friend who was fish hungry and couldn't go himself. There is one insurance salesman who can't sell us any insurance today . . . when we commented about giving away a nice fish, he wanted to know where we had bought them! Now that was a low blow.

The shooting down of the Iranian civilian airliner by the U.S. Navy ship is bad, regardless of the reasons for the civilian affair. We feel for the families of those killed in the crash. This is a good time to note that there are many unpleasant things that happen during war and the observation that those who start the wars don't normally get involved in the shooting and dying or they wouldn't start so many battles. This ongoing disagreement has been closer to being resolved in spite of the fact there have been several accidents such as the one last weekend. We all know of the American ship that was shot up and 34 or so Americans killed. There have been several other ships shot up and people killed, some were only passing through the area. There is even the case of an American ship firing on the American helicopter several days ago. We don't know how to get this mess stopped, but it sure needs to be done and soon.

Elba city politics continue to simmer with the additional candidates qualifying this week. We now have two or three in every council race with the exception of District 3, where Eddie Vaughan is still without opposition. There are five in the mayor's race and we are hearing no more names batted around for that office, which means we may have all those we are getting this year. There will surely be more council candidates, as several have stopped by to look at a map and see just where their district would be if they did become a candidate.

SAMC To Sponsor 'Safe Kids'

Southeast Alabama Medical Center is hosting a special day just for kids. "Safe Kids"—a day kids and parents won't want to miss.

"Safe Kids" is designed to be a hands-on learning experience as well as a great time. Kids and their parents will learn precautionary measures to alleviate injuries and accidents.

Last year, nearly 8,000 children under the age of 15 died and 50,000 more sustained permanent injuries. Southeast Alabama Medical Center is concerned with children's safety, as well as, the fact that children should not be afraid of those individuals who are available to help them in injuries or accidents occur.

"Safe Kids" will be held at the Medical Center's recreation park behind the hospital on E. Haven St., Wednesday, July 13, from 10 AM until 2 PM. All children 14 and under are invited to attend with their parents. Daycare and church groups are also invited to attend with pre-registration. Large groups wishing

to attend should call 793-8011 to pre-register. Farrie Murphy R.N., is the community education coordinator for the event.

The program is a community service and there is no charge. Many area organizations will be assisting with this event. They are the Dothan City Police Department, Houston County Sheriff's Department, Dothan Fire Department, Betty's Promotions, MAST, and Emergency Medical Services.

Features of the program will include fingerprinting, fire safety, bicycle safety, fire truck demonstration, police vehicles, MAST helicopter, LifeCare (SMAC's Mobile Intensive Care Unit), MEIT—Emergency Medical Services robot, safety packets for all children, and free popcorn and soft drinks. "Safe Kids" are no accident! Educate children to become safety conscious by bringing them to "Safe Kids" on Wednesday, July 13, from 10 AM until 2 PM.

Fun Day Set At Arton July 23

The L. A. Rodeo Association will hold a Fun Day, Saturday, July 23 at Boots and Saddles Rodeo Arena, Rt. 2, Arton, AL. All proceeds will benefit the King's Ranch at Arton plus provide funds to construct a new rodeo arena on association property on the Dale-Barbour County line.

According to Patti Chormicle of Ozark, coordinator of Fun Day, a horse parade begins at 8 a.m. in downtown Arton. Riders will ride to the arena, located off Ala. Hwy. 51 north of Arton. Look for signs.

In addition to 19 rodeo events for children and adults, everyone is invited to participate and enjoy: fun horse show, novelty dog show, children's games and races, pony rides, donkey derby, horse-drawn wagon for hayrides, plus a live band.

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6 months - \$7.00

Jerry McMillan Seeks Elba

City Council Seat In District 1

Jerry McMillan, a resident of Jones Street, announced last week that he had qualified to seek a position on the Elba City Council from District 1 in the upcoming municipal election.

McMillan is married to the former Mary Horstead and they have one son, Marzine. McMillan, a lifelong resident of Elba, served in the United States Marines in Viet Nam and was decorated with the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts and the Cross of Gallantry. For the past sixteen years he has been employed as a service technician with General Telephone.

"As a lifelong resident of Elba I feel that I know the real problems facing our city and as a member of the city council I know that I can help to solve the answers," stated McMillan. "I think the people need to have a choice when they go to the polls and by qualifying I have made it possible for District 1 a clear and distinct choice."

"If I am elected I will represent all the citizens of District 1, not just the citizens who live in the Mulberry Heights area," pledged McMillan. "In recent years there hasn't been cooperation between the city officials and when our representatives pull against each other very

little can be accomplished. We must work together for the good of all the city and get more people involved in city government. City government must be for all the people and I will see that everyone in Elba is represented and treated equally, no matter where they live or how much money they may have."

"There are many areas that need improving in our city," added McMillan, "such as the recreation department, trash pickup and an overall clean up program. The people in Elba need to regain a sense of pride for their city and if we work together to make Elba a cleaner city everyone will help and the pride will be back."

"If elected," stated McMillan, "I will work to begin a major clean up program in the Mulberry Heights area of town. There are several burned out buildings and homes in the neighborhood that are eyesores and need to be torn down and replaced with new homes. The sewage problem that exists in Mulberry Heights also needs to be solved and I'll work every spare moment to make sure the city officials and when our representatives pull against each other very

OBITUARIES

BERNARD CANADY DOBBINS

Mr. Bernard Canady Dobbins, age 73, of Bradenton, Fla., died June 29, 1988.

Funeral services were held July 1 at 2 p.m. in Griffith-Cline Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Charles Haskala and Rev. Daniel Forbes officiating. Burial was in Bradenton River Cemetery, with Griffith-Cline Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Dobbins was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. Dobbins of Bascom Community, a native of Randolph County, Ala., with the family moving to Coffee County in 1925 and to Bradenton, Fla., in 1945, and has lived in the Oneco-Bradenton area since that time.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; two sons: Michael E. Dobbins, MSGT U.S. Army (Ret.), Gessie Dobbins, Bradenton; one daughter - Carol A. Lawson, Oneco, Fla.; five grandchildren and four step-grandchildren; one son-in-law, Curtis R. Dobbins, SGT U.S. Army (Ret.), Aurora, Col.; and two sisters: Mrs. Clarice D. Gunter, Rt. 4, Elba; and Miss Lois Dobbins, Wetumpka.

Sacred Harp

Singing Set

At Mt. Gilead

There will be a Sacred Harp Singing School at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15, beginning at 7 o'clock each evening. It will be taught by Stanley Smith of Ozark. Everyone is welcome.

Bulletin Board

S.S. 107 City Hall, 3rd Tues. 9:30

12:30 Call FREE 1-800-325-0334

ROTARY CLUB - Mon. Noon - Ye Old Hickory Pt.

EASTERN STAR - 2nd & 4th Thurs - 7 p.m.

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - Ye Old Hickory Pt.

JAYCEES - 1st & 3rd Thurs - 7 p.m. - Beaver Dam Restaurant

CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mon. - 5 p.m. - Beaver Dam Restaurant

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Beaver Dam Restaurant

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs - 5 p.m. - State Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

BOY SCOUTS - Mon. 7 p.m. - Over old City Hall

RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m. - Library

WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Tues. - 5 p.m. - Library

MASSONIC LODGE 170 - 1st Sat. & 3rd Sun. - 7 p.m. - Old City Hall

AA - Wed. 8 p.m. & Sun. 6 p.m. - Old City Hall

BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Tues. Thurs. 8:30-4:30, 897-2929

NEW ALANON - Wed. 8 p.m. - Sr. Citizens Center

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 5-6 Sundays, Sr. Citizens Center

COFFEE COUNTY CO-OP - 1st Thurs. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Clubhouse

WEIGHT WATCHERS - Mondays - 6:45 p.m. - Elba Library

FREE GED CLASSES - Elba HS - Mon. Tues. 4-6 - Call 897-5928

July - Coffee Republic - Women - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department reported an active week with a total of 5 traffic citations (speeding, drivers license required, failure to stop sign, driving under the influence and revoked license) issued.

Following is a daily recap of police activity for the week of June 28 - July 4:

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
Activity included a house fire at Cordelia Street (4:56 p.m.) and a disturbance at Jackson Street (9:56 p.m.).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

As a concerned Christian, I have a need to express some heart-felt observations about the present situation of the major organized churches in our area and the United States.

It seems that man has indeed removed himself completely from God. We have gradually been deceived that we are self-sufficient. As a result, we are rapidly heading for an amoral society.

Religion has become so structural and geared toward superficial appearances, that the power of God and spiritual growth and development have been left out. So many churches are teaching what their preachers have been taught to preach or what people want to hear, that they need to be taught to even mention that God's power still works today and that Jesus is really working miracles through the Holy Spirit.

To completely deny supernatural experiences is to deny most of what the Bible teaches and the hope and faith that we all need to live a fulfilled life with God. It is more logical to teach and proclaim the full gospel than to try to adhere to an empty church doctrine.

DR. MITCHELL V. PURVIS
To The Citizens of Elba:

I want to express to all citizens of the Wiregrass area a heartfelt thank-you from me and all Aviation Branch members. We are indebted to you for the support throughout the Army Aviation Museum Fund Drive. I am especially grateful for the tremendous response you gave to the Museum Foundation's appeal for help in acquiring the remaining amount needed to match the federal agency contribution immeasurably to its success.

As you know, the groundbreaking occurred in March, and construction is scheduled for completion in September 1989. Army Aviation will then have a first-class repository for its historical memorabilia. Further, the multimillion dollar facility will serve the area as an outstanding tourist attraction for many, many years to come.

Thank you for your faithful friendship and cooperation. You are the best neighbors a soldier ever had.

Sincerely,

ELLIS D. PARKER
Major General,
U. S. Army
Commanding Officer

Come to the

ELBA PUBLIC

LIBRARY

And Check Out A

Good Book!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Routine activity reported.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Activity included a possible theft at a Lee Street residence (7:32 a.m.) and a wreck on the Kingston Highway (3:44 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Activity included a disturbance at Beaver Dam Restaurant (7:02 a.m.), a theft at Elba High School (7:53 a.m.), a wreck on Highway 87 North (10:48 a.m.), a possible intoxicated driver on Highway 84 West (3:32 p.m.), a theft at a Jones Street residence (5:39 p.m.), a disturbance at Mullins Apartments (8:32 p.m.) and a theft at Mullins Apartments (10:17 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Activity included a fight with knives on Lee Street (12:04 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Activity included a fire on Taylor Mill Road (10:43 a.m.).

MONDAY, JULY 4

Activity included a complaint of fireworks at Caroline Street (7:39 p.m.) and 8:55 p.m.) and Kennedy Estates (9:48 p.m.).

Hilburn Named To Hall Of Fame

A Luverne poultry farmer, Henry Huey Hilburn, received the industry's highest honor when he was named to the Alabama Poultry Hall of Fame by the Alabama Poultry & Egg Association.

The award was presented to Hilburn during AP&E's 36th annual convention in Birmingham on June 10 - 11.

The Association praised Hilburn as a "real pioneer" who was successful in spite of rough times and adversity whose ideas were "innovative and evidenced great leadership."

He is the 29th Hall of Fame honoree, an award established in 1968 by AP&E to chronicle the growth of the industry and recognize its key leaders.

Hilburn started a small hatchery in the 1940's which he expanded into an integrated enterprise, Hilburn and Sons Poultry Farms. In 1974, ConAgra bought the hatcheries and land, but Hilburn and his sons retained the chicken houses. Today their operations include cattle farms as well, and in 1977 Hilburn retired to one of the farms.

Special Exam Announced By IRS Offices

Individuals who wish to take the 1988 Internal Revenue Service Special Enrollment Examination must submit applications to IRS postmarked no later than July 31, 1988. No extensions of time to file applications will be granted.

The examination is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, September 29 and 30, 1988. It is given annually in each IRS district to individuals who wish to apply for enrollment to practice before the IRS. The examination includes true or false, multiple choice, and problem-type questions that require some computations, the IRS says.

The application fee is \$50 for those taking all four parts of the examination, and \$40 for prior year examinees taking fewer than four parts. All checks or money orders must be made payable to the Internal Revenue Service.

According to the IRS, persons interested in taking the examination should obtain the Special Enrollment Examination Application Packet from their local IRS district office. The packet includes materials on the requirements for enrollment and for taking the examination.

Included in the packet are Form 2587, "Application for Special Enrollment Examination"; Publication 486, "Requirements for IRS Enrollment and Special Enrollment"; Publication 693, "Questions and Answers—1987 Special Enrollment Examination—Sample Booklet"; Treasury Department Circular No. 230, "Regulations Governing the Practice of Attorneys, Certified Public Accountants, Enrolled Actuaries and Appraisers before the Internal Revenue Service"; Publication 1140, "Special Enrollment Examination Background Material for Applicants"; Publication 1183, "Rules for Tax Return Preparers"; and Form 4190A, a special order form for requesting Special Enrollment Examination Study Materials.

The Special Enrollment Examination Application Packet can be ordered by writing the Internal Revenue Service, Special Enrollment Examination Coordinator, 500 22nd Street South, Stop 305, Birmingham, AL 35233, or by calling (205) 731-0656.

Bowdoin's career in education spanned 37 years, during which time he was a coach, teacher, principal and supervisor.

Bowdoin's career in education began as a coach and teacher at Allentown High School in Milton, Fla. He had completed three years of college work at Troy State when his National Guard unit was mobilized at the start of World War II.

After his Army service he returned to Troy State and obtained his B.S. degree in 1946, and a Master of Science from Florida State University in 1950.

After three years at Allentown, in 1951 he became principal at Carabelle (Florida) School and then in 1953 became principal of Port St. Joe High School.

Bowdoin is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bowdoin of Elba. His brother, Roy and sister, Ruth Bowdoin Hawkins, are residents of Elba.

He and his wife Hazel (Beckel), a native of St. Augustine, are the parents of a son, Fred, a teacher in Lake City; Rod, an attorney in Lake City; Doug, an attorney in Orlando; and adopted daughters, Cassie, a student at Lake City Community College, and Bonnie, a sophomore at Trenton High School.

Besides his school work, Bowdoin has been active in various civic and community activities through the years, as well as Little League baseball, where he coached his own sons as they played baseball growing up.

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Margaret Cox Receives Degree From Brenau

Margaret Ann Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox of Elba, received a bachelor's degree from Brenau Women's College in graduation exercises held May 29. Margaret Ann also was named to the Merit List at Brenau for spring quarter.

Merit List students are honored for maintaining a 3.5 grade point average while carrying 12 or more course hours.

Brenau is a private, 4-year, liberal arts college in Gainesville, Ga.

Russell Is Outstanding Music Student

Lance C. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry C. Russell, and student at Kinston High School, has been selected as one of the country's most outstanding music students by the Who's Who In Music editorial staff.

He will be included in the 1988 edition of the annual directory. The music leader and editors of this publication have included the name of this student based on outstanding musical ability and contribution to the school's overall music program, personal growth and development through participation in musical activities, citizenship and service to the school and community.

Tony Johnson Celebrates 2nd Birthday

Tony Johnson celebrated his second birthday on June 20, 1988. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson of Ino, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lashley of Ino, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Johnson of Enterprise.

Tony has one sister, Susie, age 3-1/2.

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Pitchers Are Special To This Lady

By Faye Holliday

A pitcher of water,
A pitcher of tea,
What will it be?

Mrs. Myrl Burkett could offer you a pitcher full of anything - in any amount; except she probably wouldn't, as her pitchers are not for drinking out of.

Mrs. Burkett is a collector of pitchers, and therefore hers are just for looking at. But it would take a while to look at all of them - 150 the last time she counted - and hear the stories behind them.

Her collection began with two blue ones from her mother; the set originally consisted of three and a wash bowl, but the middle-size one got broken. Her mother, Mrs. Emma McCollough Goodson, got the set as a gift for making up a dish order from the old Lee Mig. Co., when Mrs. Burkett was about 4 or 5 years old.

Then her third pitcher was a small white one, a gift from Mrs. Mary Williams, a black friend, now deceased, who used to live near Mrs. Burkett. That pitcher is over 100 years old, and Mrs. Williams got it from an aunt.

Over the years friends and relatives have picked up various pitchers for Mrs. Burkett, and she has bought some at yard sales.

Her collection includes:

*a dog tea pitcher, bought at a yard sale;

*a small white one from a friend, inscribed, from Italy;

*a tiny one, made of ash from Mt. St. Helen's volcano after its eruption;

*a very fine translucent glass, a gift from her five nieces;

*two from two of her sons;

*one from Aliene English, Pinky Spinks (bought in Florida), Janelle Dasinger, Roger Dasinger, Merle Bolin;

*a small one inscribed with "Stephen Foster Memorial, White Springs, Fla."

*a small one from Okefenokee Swamp, Waycross, Ga.;

*"And everywhere I go, I buy one myself," said Mrs. Burkett.

She has two sets of old syrup pitchers - one belonging to her mother and one set she bought.

A special one was purchased from the old Hayes Hardware in Elba, and is deeply etched with a rooster and flowers.

She bought one from Katherine Harper, Luther Holley's daughters gave her one in memory of him.

Another very special pitcher is a small brown one which holds about two cups. This was the family's cream pitcher when her children were growing up. "I treasure that," she said.

Others include one bought with Octagon soap coupons, which included a platter and six glasses. Her mother and her husband's mother saved the coupons for her; she has an Aladdin steep; an old hobnail white milk glass with glasses to match; a green one she bought full of tea, with glasses to match ("probably from Morris McCollough's); a tall blue one from a friend who worked in Kinston; her mother's old water pitcher.

Mrs. Burkett is a busy, outgoing person, with many other interests in her life. She has two gardens, which she maintains with a hoe, as well as fruit trees, and tomato plants in other parts of her yard.

She is involved with the HRDC Senior Citizens; she has chickens; she sews, and entertains company.

Mrs. Burkett's husband was James Frank, who has been deceased for about nine years. Her home place is near the old Pleasant Ridge Church Primitive Baptist Church, and her parents were William Henry and Emma McCollough Goodson.

She lives on the Samson Road, and her four children and their families are:

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Mrs. Burkett is shown beside an old pie safe (left) which she has had for a very long time, and a flour-meal bin which she bought from Mrs. Caroline Lightner when her children were small, made of either poplar or cypress. On top of this bin are two bread trays which were made of poplar by Char. On top of this bin are two bread trays which were made of poplar by Char. On top of this bin are two bread trays which were made of poplar by Char.



Mrs. Burkett's pitcher collection - most of it.



The first three pieces of Mrs. Burkett's collection.

Rita Kula Is Named Treasurer

Rita Kula, of Enterprise, Child Support worker in Pike County Department of Human Resources, was elected treasurer of the Alabama Child Support Association at the Association's recent conference held at Gulf Shores, Alabama.

The Alabama Child Support Association consists of District attorneys, judges, court personnel, and others interested in improving the Child Support Program in the state of Alabama.

Mrs. Kula was instrumental in the Pike County Child Support Unit receiving the Public Awareness award from the Association for their

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FAMILY TALK

Glenda M. Frazier
Community Resource Specialist

Coffee County Department
of Human Resources

Recently information was shared with you about foster children and the trials they face. It was pointed out that these youngsters have difficulties because they have been taken away from all that is familiar; they are no longer with their families.

There is another group of persons who also have many difficulties because their family is no longer with them - these are the elderly. Coffee County has a disproportionate number of elderly persons, and the reality that we face here in this office each day is elderly persons who have been "forgotten" by their family. Granny is no longer able to babysit or loan money; she is no longer useful.

There are those whose family do not visit. The only human contact they may have from one week to the next is the Human Services aide from this agency or a Home Health aide from the health department.

Another reality is that some of these elderly persons do not have a phone.

What has happened in our society that we allow these things to happen on a daily basis? Are adult children, in fact, so busy that they cannot have the time even once a week to stop in and check on an elderly parent or grandparent?

The geographical distance certainly may be a factor, but my understanding is that the post office delivers mail to even the most remote areas in any county. How

long does it take to write a short note which says to the elderly person that he or she has not been forgotten and that there is someone who still cares about them?

Any adult person who has an elderly family member whom they have neglected to check on recently should be thoroughly ashamed.

While it is fresh on your mind, now would be a good time to do something about it.

For more information, call or write me at the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources, P.O. Box 448, Elba, AL 36323; phone 897-3424.

Thought: Young men have a passion for regarding their elders as senile. Henry Adams.



New Brockton Seniors Get Van - As several members of the New Brockton Senior Citizen's Center looked on, Mr. Wayne Whitehead, (R) presented Mr. Marvin Carroll, (L) president of the Center, with the keys to this 1988 Dodge Ram van. The Seniors had worked for almost two years to raise the money to purchase the van.

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Michael Smith
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Views From

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Editor

We're planning to take off a few hours Monday afternoon in observance of the July 4th holiday and while I want to have the afternoon off, I don't want to have to work extra hours Tuesday, so, I'm writing this week's column Friday afternoon in an attempt to get a little ahead of schedule. Here goes....

ELBA ALL-STAR TEAMS DESERVE SUPPORT

It's "All-Star" time for area youth baseball teams and here in Elba three teams are getting ready to represent the city in District and Sub-District tournaments with hopes of advancing on to state and possible national tournaments. While very few teams make it to state and even fewer get to compete at the national level, it's not because the players and coaches didn't give it all they had at practice and at the games!

The Babe Ruth All-Star squads have been hard at work for over two weeks and if you think it has been hot where you were, just think how hot it was on the ballfield practicing. The players have responded well to the long hours of work and the coaches have shown real dedication by giving up their free time in an attempt to have the players as ready as they can get when the tournaments roll along. The 13-year olds play in Opp beginning this week and the 14-15 year olds start next Thursday in Andalusia and I urge anyone who can to make the drive over to these towns at least one night to let the kids know you support them. The players want to do well and will play hard, you can bet on that, but they will play even harder if they look up in the stands and see and hear local people cheering them on!

The Dixie Youth All-Stars didn't start practicing until Friday afternoon (the first official day allowed), but the players are also giving it all they have and the coaches are sweating right along with the kids to make sure they will play as well as they can when the tournament rolls along. The squad is very young and inexperienced; however, the players are working hard and you better believe that when the tourney starts in Elba next Thursday night the team will be ready and will represent the city well.

With the Babe Ruth and Dixie Youth events going on at the same time in different cities it will be impossible for all the fans to be at both places at the same time, but it shouldn't be hard to make it to one or the other. See ya there!

IT'S ALSO TOURNAMENT TIME IN SOFTBALL

While the youth of the city will soon be taking the field for tournament action, the same is also true for the men's softball teams. The Class D tourney will be played this weekend in Eufaula and at least three teams from Elba will be traveling up the the tourney with their sights set on a top 8 finish. The Kelley's Packing team has been playing real well in recent weeks and should have a real shot at winning the event, as should the Elba Merchants, who have been winning a bunch of trophies in recent tourney action. The Coffee County Merchants have been a surprise team this season, but the Merchants have shown the ability to do well in tournaments and I'll be surprised if they don't at the least earn a spot in the state tourney.

The Hickman Movers were the only Class A team in this part of the state and earned an automatic spot in the state event, and if they play like they can they appear to have a real shot at placing high at state. Elba's softball league hasn't been real big in recent years, but the quality has improved each and every year and this year the league could have four teams competing at the state level and that's something to brag about!

I LOSE A SOFT DRINK EVERY TIME HE FIGHTS

I am a Mike Tyson fan and think he's a great fighter, but it seems like every time he fights I end up losing a soft drink to a friend of mine who's convinced that Tyson can beat the Hulk! Last week I thought I had a safe bet because all Spinks had to do was go five rounds and I knew he could at least dance around for that long. I was wrong again and am now three drinks down. Oh well, at least I didn't waste money and buy a ticket to watch the '91 mismatch.

IN CLOSING....

I enjoy umpiring, even when it does keep me up late on the weekends, and especially enjoy it when the games are fun. Well, last week I umpired Minor League one night and girls softball another night and have to say it was the best week of the season. The Minor League is for boys ages 6-9 and while the play isn't exactly perfect, the action is non-stop and the little guys really give it all they've got. Over in the girls league, there were three games, one for girls ages 6-9 and two for older girls (10-12). The little girls played better than you could imagine and kept the crowd involved as every girl would hit the ball and take off to first, while the older girls showed real potential and many could become very good players. The purpose of most games is to win at any cost; however, in these leagues the most important thing is to make sure the kids have fun, and to me that's all about.

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SPORTS

Hickman, Cook & Kelley's clinch men's trophies

The Men's Softball League season neared its end last week and with only two nights of action left the top three teams have already staked their claims to the league trophies.

Rangers & Royals remain atop Minor League standings

The Minor League baseball season continued last week with the Rangers and Royals continuing to lead the pack.

The Rangers lead the league with an 11-0 record, while the Royals own a 9-2 record and are followed by the Braves 7-4, Expos 6-5, Indians 5-7, Giants 4-7, Red Sox 2-10 and Angels 1-10.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

INDIANS 19-13
The Indians led all the way to nip the Red Sox 19-13. The Indians jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead and never looked back in posting the win.

Eric Wyatt, LaDon Daniels and Derrick Marler all scored 3 runs for the Indians, while Noah Creally, Josh Dawkins, Kevin Dodd and Hunter Hargrove all scored 2. Jody Johnson and Jephtha Dubose scored 3 runs apiece for the Red Sox, while Adam Brookins and Joe Fuller both scored 2.

RANGERS 25-6
The Rangers scored and scored and scored to defeat the Angels 25-6. The Rangers jumped ahead 6-0 early and rolled to the easy win.

Aaron Kirkland scored 5 runs to lead the Rangers, while Jarrell Smedley, Claude Daniels and Dunderay Peterson all scored 4 and Joshua Scott and Shannon Hammonds both scored 3. Doug Grimes scored 2 runs for the Angels.

ROYALS 15-3
The Royals pulled ahead early and rolled past the Giants 15-3. The Royals led 2-0 early, but the Royals moved ahead 5-2 in the bottom of the first and cruised to the win.

Trent Calhoun, Paul Marsh and Troy Bryan all scored 3 runs for the Royals, while Forrest Hancock and Josh Mack added 2 runs apiece.

BRAVES 18-12
The Braves scored in every inning to defeat the Expos 18-12. The Braves trailed 11-9 in the third inning, but regained the lead in the bottom of the inning and held on for the win.

Jamie Holley scored 4 runs for the Braves, while Wade Parker, LaDon Daniels and Derrick Daniels all scored 3 and Jake Cowen and Wesley Bragg both scored 2. Toby Bragg scored 3 runs for the Expos and Brandon Smith scored 2.

RANGERS 24-12
The Rangers led all the way to outscore the Giants 24-12. The Rangers led only 4-2 after one inning, but moved on top 16-4 by the third and rolled to the win.

Jarrell Smedley, Claude Daniels and Aaron Kirkland all scored 4 runs for the Rangers, while Dunderay Peterson and Matt Dunn both scored 3 and Shannon Hammonds and Jovan Smedley scored 2 runs apiece. Wesley Johnson and Eric Daniels scored 3 runs each for the Giants, while Daniel Ward scored 2.

RED SOX 32-21
The Red Sox scored runs in bunches to outscore the Angels 32-21. The Red Sox led only 5-4 after one inning, but broke loose and never looked back.

April Whitfield got 3 hits for the Blazers and Jill Windham added 2. Wendy Baer and Robyn Rhoades got 3 hits apiece for the Angels, while J. Baer added 2 hits.

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Hickman, with a 17-1 record, long ago clinched the league championship, while Cook Chevrolet (15-5) and Kelley's Packing (13-6) will round out the top three, with the exact order of finish yet to be decided.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

KELLEYS 11-8
Kelley's Packing rallied late to knock off Cook Chevrolet 11-10. Cook jumped ahead 5-0 early and still led 8-5 after six innings; however, Kelley's rallied and then held on to post the win.

Ron Kilburg and Gary Kelley got 3 hits apiece for Kelley's, while O.C. King and Scott Kelley added 2 each. Rhet McCollough and Chris Thigpen got 3 hits each for Cook, while Greg Parker, Matt Henderson, John Hudson and Tim Dyess all added 2.

COUNTY MERCH. 7-6
The Coffee County Merchants rallied to nip the Elba Merchants 7-6. The County Merchants trailed 5-4 midway through the game, but rallied for the win.

Lamar Sasser got 3 hits for the County Merchants, while Joe Simmons and Jetey Wise both added 2. Wayne Jackson got 3 hits for the Elba Merchants, while Kenneth Suley added 2.

COOK CHEV. 11-7
Cook Chevrolet ended Hickman's hopes for an undefeated season when they stunned the Movers 11-7. Cook jumped ahead early in the game and then exploded late to pull off the win.

Greg Parker, Matt Henderson, Danny Strickland, Tim Dyess, Chris Thigpen and Wade Parker scored 2 each. Hunter Hargrove scored 4 runs for the Indians, while Josh Dawkins, Eric Wyatt, Andy Daugherty and Jerrod Jinnright all scored 2.

COUNTY MERCH. 18-8
The County Merchants exploded early to bury Kleiner's 18-8. Kleiner's jumped ahead 1-0 in the first inning, but the Merchants rallied to grab an 8-1 lead in the second and rolled to the win.

Max Farris, Jeff Rhoades, Mike Farris and Lamar Sasser got 2 hits apiece for the Merchants, while Tommy Money, Woody Tisdale, Tim Johns, Ronnie Canley and Jeff Johnson all got 2 hits for Kleiner's.

CLAXTON C. 14-13
Claxton Corner rallied late to outscore the Elba Independents 14-13. The Cornermen trailed 13-6 after five innings, but rallied to pull out the win.

Troy Kelley got 4 hits for Claxton, while Troy Hudson and Joseph McCollough added 3 each. Keith Henderson, Keith Chandler, Finis

BRANDITS 17-16
The Braves pushed across a lone run in the final inning to nip the Bandits 17-16. The Bandits rallied to score 3 runs in the top of the final inning to tie the score at 16-16, but the Braves scored with two outs to take the win.

Tamika Coleman and Christina Cook got 3 hits apiece to lead the Braves, while Melinda Johnson, Wendy Baker, Mary Stephens and Deana Coleman all added 2 hits. Shalandra Rogers and Traci Suley got 3 hits apiece for the Bandits, while Erin Vignola, Wendy Boutwell, D. Martin and Hollinghead all added 2.

BLAZERS 8-5
The Blazers moved ahead early and held on to nip the Angels 8-5. The Blazers scored 4 runs in the first inning to grab the lead and rolled to the win.

April Whitfield got 3 hits for the Blazers and Jill Windham added 2. Wendy Baer and Robyn Rhoades got 3 hits apiece for the Angels, while J. Baer added 2 hits.

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14-15 Year Old All-Stars to compete in Andalusia July 14-18

The Elba Babe Ruth League 14-15 Year Old All-Stars will begin tournament action next week at the District Tournament, in Andalusia, and will be among four teams competing for the right to represent District 2 at the State Tournament, in Mobile.

The tourney will begin on Thursday, July 14 at 6:00 when Elba meets Brundidge, while the

nightcap at 8:00 will have Andalusia hosting Opp. The two losers will meet on July 15 at 6:00 and the winners of the opening games will tangle at 8:00. The tourney will continue on July 16 with games scheduled for 5:30 and 8:00 and if a final game is needed it will be played on July 18 at 7:00.

Elba won the District crown a year ago and coaches Harry Jacobs

Plenty of runs scored as 6-9 girls begin softball season

The 6-9 Year Old Girls Softball League opened its season last week with the Honeybees and Cowgirls posting wins.

Following is a recap of the week's action:

HONEYBEES 18-9
The Honeybees led all the way to outscore the Mermaids. The Honeybees jumped ahead 12-4 early and rolled to the win.

Paige Hudson scored 3 runs for the Honeybees, while Ashley Laney, Anna Head, Deana Farris, Bonnie Vaughan and Brandi Sreetman all scored 2 runs. Lindsey Jared scored 2 runs for the Mermaids.

COWGIRLS 16-12
The Cowgirls rallied to nip the Mermaids 16-12. The Mermaids led 10-8 in the third inning, but saw

the Cowgirls rally to claim the win.

Penny Paul and Elizabeth Stephens scored 3 runs apiece to lead the Cowgirls, while Lindsey Jared, Melissa Grantham, Reese Grantman, Kindra Vaughan and Connie Cooper all scored 2 runs. Angie Parrish, Hope Coleman, Misty Cowen, Melissa Bimbo and Cindy Nelson all scored 2 runs for the Mermaids.

John Tucker and Van Johnson got 4 hits apiece for the Movers, while Glen Johnson, Tim Williamson and Rachel Moore added 3 each and Glen Filipowski, Greg Johnson, Joey Holley and Jason Johnson all added 2. Stevie Sauls got 2 hits for Claxton.

Elba 13-Year Old Babe Ruth All-Stars Begin Tourney Action Tonight In Opp

The Elba Babe Ruth Baseball League's "13-Year Old" All-Stars will compete in the District Tournament beginning July 7 in Opp with the winner of the three-team tourney advancing to the State Tournament, set for July 21-26 in Daphne.

The Elba Stars will meet Andalusia at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday night, July 7 in the tourney's opening game and the winner will battle Opp on Friday night, July 8 at 7:00. The losers of the opening two games will meet Saturday, July 9 at 4:00 p.m. and the winner of the loser's bracket contest will then

meet the tourney's unbeaten team at 7:00. If the unbeaten team wins the nightcap on Saturday the team will earn a spot at state; however, if the team with one loss wins in Saturday's nightcap a final game will be played on Monday, July 11 at 7:00.

The Elba Stars, coached by Mickey McCollough and Harry Young, feature a combination of solid hitting and proven pitching and the coaches hope the combination proves to be the one that leads the stars to state!

While most 13-year old players fail to get experience on the mound in Babe Ruth, this year's squad has

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ELBA JUNIOR CHEERLEADERS ATTEND CAMP...Perfecting their cheerleading skills at the recent National Cheerleaders Association Camp held at Entenwise State Junior College were members of the Elba Junior High cheerleading squad. Attending the camp were (bottom row, l-r) Mandy Shirley, Misty Miller - co-captain, Leah Crowe - captain, Holly Stinson and Heather Stinson. (Top row, l-r) Tamara Rowe, Molly Mills, Indya Lawless and Tosha Nunn. (ESIC PHOTO)

Hunting deaths declined in state during 1987-88 seasons

Only three people died in hunting-related accidents in the 1987-88 Alabama hunting season, compared to fifteen during 1984-85, eleven in 1985-86 and six in 1986-87. The steadily diminishing totals are the direct result of the intensive hunter safety program pursued by the Alabama Conservation Department's Game and Fish Division.

Those who lost their lives in 1987-88 hunting-related accidents were a 16-year old Geneva County man who died of a self-inflicted shotgun wound when he was firing a chair from which he was dove hunt-

ing collapsed September 9, 1987, causing the shotgun to discharge; a 22-year old Tuscaloosa County man who died November 27, 1987, when another deer hunter, 32, swung on game and shot the victim; and a 19-year old Geneva County man, who drowned January 4, 1988, when he slipped from a creekbank while on a deer hunting trip.

Two other fatalities were originally classified as hunting accidents pending final investigation, but were subsequently adjudged as cases of negligent homicide in one in-

stance and murder in the other, with both shooters sentenced to prison terms by presiding judges.

Elba to host Dixie Youth Tourney July 14-19

The Elba Dixie Youth League All-Stars will host the Sub-District Tournament on July 14-19 at Legion Field park with a total of five teams competing for the tourney crown and a trip to the District tourney, in Dothan.

Joining Elba in the double-

elimination event will be Greenville, Brundidge, Troy Nationals and Troy Americans.

The Elba Stars have perhaps their youngest squad ever, with three 10-year olds and only two returning all-stars on the team; however, the team is blessed with tal-

ented young athletes and appears to have a shot at taking the top prize! Hitting should be a strength on this year's squad as nine of the thirteen players batted over .400 during the regular season.

Zack Steele led the league in batting with a lofty .517 average and also ripped 13 doubles, 4 triples and 1 home-run, while knocking in 24 runs. Chris Hodge also carries a hot bat into the tourney, having com-

pleted the season with a .482 average, including 10 doubles and 3 triples, with 16 runs batted in. Michael Grantham should supply plenty of hitting for the stars as he batted .471 during the season and collected 8 doubles, 3 triples, 3 home-runs and 12 rbi's. The team's power is obvious by its lofty averages, but the top longball threat will be Perry Stinson, who batted .434 while hitting 5 doubles, 9 triples and 5 home-runs and knocking in 33 runs in only 12 games.

Other top hitters on the All-Star roster include Todd Grantham (.442 with 12 doubles and 14 rbi's); Keith Martin (.463 with 5 doubles); Keith Grantham (.425 with 9 doubles and 17 rbi's); Cory Driggers (.400 with 2 doubles and 9 rbi's); Tony Parker (.436 with 3 doubles); David Yelverton (.396 with 9 doubles and 21 rbi's); Che Vaughan (.356 with 5

doubles); Ernest Baker (.350 with 5 doubles) and Chris Hudson (.267 with 2 doubles).

The pitching staff also appears solid, led by Michael Grantham, who allowed only 14 hits in 29 innings and struckout 52 batters. Keith Grantham was also a stopper on the mound as he allowed only 20 hits in 36 innings of work and struckout 70 batters, while Chris Hodge was a steady performer and allowed only 28 hits in 30 innings, while striking out 51.

Others expected to share the mound duties in the tourney include Cory Driggers, who recovered from a broken arm to pitch 18 innings and allowed only 13 hits; Zack Steele, who led the league in in-

nings pitched with 48 and also led the league in strikeouts with 79; David Yelverton, who allowed 36 hits in 37 innings and fanned 64 batters and Perry Stinson, who pitched 19 innings and allowed 18 hits.

The Elba squad's inexperience is of major concern to coaches Larry Grantham, Ron Bryan and DeWayne Hodge, but if the youthfulness of the squad can overcome the expected jitters and the pitching hold its own, the All-Stars seem to have a real shot at the crown!

Boaters should not drink and drive

Each year more Alabamians participate in water activities involving everything from fishing and sailing to cruising and waterskiing. Boating in Alabama attracts a diversity of enthusiasts of practically all ages and backgrounds. Unfortunately, many people automatically associate recreational boating with alcohol.

People who would never consider drinking and driving think nothing of stowing alcohol aboard for an afternoon on the water. Boating presents special circumstances requiring decisions and judgments motorists never face. For instance, stress factors such as boat motion and extreme glare from the water can actually intensify the effects of alcohol. Few boaters are aware that drinking or drug use at the helm of

a boat is as dangerous as drinking at the wheel of a car.

Waterways are second only to highways as the most frequent scenes of accidental death and approximately 50 percent of all boating accidents are alcohol related. Most of these accidents occur from 12:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Due to the increase in boating accidents involving alcohol, two-man patrols of Alabama Marine Police officers will be assigned to all areas of the state from June 25 until September 5, 1988. The Marine Police patrols will be part of the A.D.I.O.S. (Alcohol and Drug Impaired Operators Search) project, a project targeted to provide safe waterways and prevent alcohol-related boating accidents.

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MARCHING TIGER DRUMMERS HARD AT WORK...While many youngsters have been enjoying the summer swimming and visiting friends, members of the Elba High School Marching Tiger band's drum line have been hard at work getting ready for the upcoming marching season. The drummers participated in a camp recently at the school and in the photo above were busy at work learning new music.



FLAG CORP HOLDS CAMP...The members of the Elba High School Marching Tiger band's flag corp spent many long hours recently at camp learning new routines for the upcoming marching season. The members of the corp participated in the camp on the campus of Elba High and on the day the above photo was taken were chased inside the gym by an afternoon thunderstorm.

Covington Electric Coop Meeting Set For July 28

The 1988 annual membership meeting of Covington Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday evening, July 28, at the Andalusia High School football stadium.

Co-op officials have announced that registration of members will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the entertainment program starting at 6:00, and the business session at 7:15 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by one of the nation's outstanding gospel music groups—the Kingsmen Quartet, of Asheville, North Carolina.

The Kingsmen Quartet is recognized as one of the premiere gospel music groups in America today. They make over 250 personal appearances each year coast to coast, and appear on numerous television shows as guests.

This group has won three Gospel Music Association Dove awards, the Singing News Fan award for Favorite Quartet, and-for Favorite Band (four times). They were also named "Official Goodwill Ambassadors" of the state of North Carolina by the Legislature of that

state. This will make the second appearance of the Kingsmen at a Covington Electric annual meeting.

Heading the list of attendance prizes this year is a "pre-loved" pick-up truck (1983 model). Other major prizes to be awarded are a 19" color television set, video cassette recorder (VCR), deluxe electric grill, microwave oven, 20-inch floor fan, and a \$75.00 credit to re-

ceipts' electric account. Some 30 other smaller electrical appliances and other gifts will also be given away, and each Co-op member registering will receive a light bulb, some aids to more effective energy utilization, and other useful gifts, free.

During the business session, a brief on operations of the Cooperative will be presented, and an entertaining short film on the first 50

years of rural electrification will be shown. Two (2) members will be elected to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees.

Concession stands will be open for the convenience of those attending the meeting. Covington Electric serves over 16,700 consumers in Covington, Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale and Geneva counties.



Hard Work Pays Off For Elba FFA - Pictured are members of the Elba FFA Chapter displaying the awards received by the Chapter at the annual State FFA Convention held June 7 - 11, in Montgomery, Ala. Members who represented the Elba High School FFA Chapter were (L - R): Farrell Dorsey, Matt Henderson, Joseph McCollough and Chris Grantham.

Lightning Is One Of Nature's Deadliest Beauties

Although Alabama is caught in the grip of a severe drought, scattered thunderstorms still occur regularly. These storms generate one of nature's deadliest, but most underrated attacks—lightning.

Mid-July is the peak season for thunderstorms in Alabama. Many of the 68 state residents killed by lightning since 1959 lost their lives in July. Lightning is also prevalent in June and August.

Lightning causes far more deaths each year than tornadoes or hurricanes. In 1987 lightning killed four Alabamians and injured about 10 others. Only one person died during that year's tornadoes.

It is important to remember that a person does have to be in the middle of a thunderstorm to be struck by lightning. Bolts of lightning occur a great distance from their parent storms. It is vital to be aware of weather conditions in surrounding areas as well as local conditions.

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency, working with the National Weather Service, offers a

list of basic lightning safety rules:

- *When a thunderstorm threatens, get inside a home or large building, or inside an all-metal (not convertible) vehicle.
- *Stay away from doors and windows, fireplaces, radiators, stoves, metal pipes, sinks, and plug-in electrical appliances. Do not use telephones during a thunderstorm.
- *If no safe building or automobile is available, avoid projecting above the surrounding landscape, as you would do if you were standing on a hilltop, in an open field, on the beach, or fishing from a small boat.
- *Do not stand under natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.
- *Get out and away from water; Get off and away from motorcycles, scooters, golf carts and bicycles. Put down golf clubs.
- *Stay away from wire fences, clotheslines, metal pipes, rails and other metallic paths that could carry lightning to you from some distance away.
- *Avoid standing in small, isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.
- *In a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of

small trees. In an open area, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley.

*If you are hopelessly isolated in a level field and feel your hair stand on end—indicating lightning is about to strike—drop to your knees and bend forward putting your hands on your knees. Do not lie flat on the ground.

Many people apparently killed by lightning can be revived if quick action is taken. When a group is affected, the apparently dead should be treated first; those unconscious but breathing will probably recover on their own.

First aid should be rendered to those not breathing within six minutes or less, to prevent brain damage. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation should be administered once every five seconds to adults and once every three seconds to small children.

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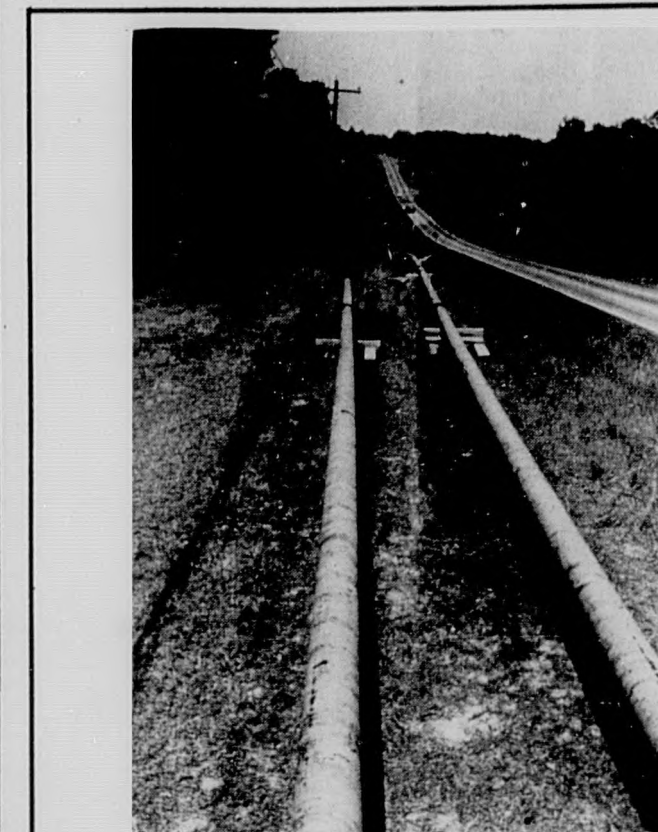
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Pruning Again

Shrubs that were severely pruned during last winter or early spring usually require additional pruning by mid- to late June. New shoots growth can be quite vigorous often reaching several feet in length by fall if allowed to go unpruned.

These shoots are usually poorly branched.

Pinching or pruning out the tips of shoots after they reach around twelve inches long is recommended to encourage branching near ground level. This controls excessive height and results in a well-branched, compact shrub.

Pruning Azaleas

Azaleas often benefit from summer pruning. Long shoots ranging above the other foliage will be headed back to encourage side branching. These new branches fill in large open spaces resulting in more compact plants.

Vigorous new shoots can be topped pruned as well causing them to branch, also. This type of pruning keeps plants a bit more compact and results in many more flowers.

Which Calcium Source?

I have seen a lot of blossom end rot this month. Blossom end rot is a common problem in tomato, pepper and watermelon crops. It is a nutritional problem that is induced by low calcium levels in the fruit tissue. Low levels may occur due to inadequate soil calcium concentrations or when soil moisture is low enough to reduce blossom end rot.

Calcium can also be provided by agricultural lime, calcium nitrate or gypsum. Two questions must be considered when deciding which source to use. First, is the problem low calcium only? Second, is the problem low calcium and low pH? A soil test can provide adequate evidence for answering these questions. Calcium nitrate and gypsum provide calcium without changing the pH, while lime provides both the calcium needed and the pH adjustment requirement.

If calcium soil test levels are below 500 pounds per acre, the necessary requirement for soil calcium is not being met. If pH adjustment is not necessary, the use of calcium nitrate or gypsum will be the logical choice. One pound of calcium can be provided by gypsum and calcium nitrate at a cost of about 35 cents and 48 cents per acre respectively. Where both the pH and the calcium need to be increased, one pound of calcium can be supplied at about two cents with agricultural lime. Remember, lime works slowly but better later than never.

Calories In Beef

If you like beef but have been afraid to eat it because of the high calories, here is good news. Today's beef is a much leaner product than it was five or ten years ago.

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Now Is Sign Up Time For Owners

Landowners who own marginal cropland that is highly erodible can take advantage of the upcoming Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up scheduled for July 18 - Aug. 5.

As a part of the 1985 Farm Bill, CRP is designed to take marginal cropland out of production by planting it with trees or grass.

Eligibility criteria for admission

Tips For The Homemaker

Sandra T. Coffey
County Agent

Papier-Mache' Earrings

Papier-mache' earrings are inexpensive to make and are really a nice fashion accessory this summer. You can customize your earrings to match every outfit you own simply by painting and duplicating designs from old fabrics. For less than \$1.00 you can make a pair of these designer earrings.

This would be a great club summer project. The largest expense is buying the paints. Several colors could be purchased and shared by all. This would really reduce the cost of making these earrings.

Below you will find the directions on how to make papier-mache' earrings.

Materials You Will Need:

Paper Towels-inexpensive, single ply paper towels will produce a flat, draped look.

---more expensive double ply paper towels produced a puffed shape when processed in the microwave. Flour-amount depends on the number of earrings to be made.

Earning Findings-Post or Clip

Thick White Craft Glue

Acrylic Craft Paints

Waxed Paper

Toothpicks

Small Artist Brushes

Gesso

Scissors

Microwave

Spray Sealer

Step-By-Step Instructions:

1. Decide on desired shapes for earrings. Earrings can be round, square, triangular or some irregular shape.

2. Draw shapes on paper towels. Shapes drawn on paper towels should be slightly larger than the desired finished shape of the earrings. You will need to experiment by cutting the shapes and draping to arrive at the desired look.

3. Make the paste. The paste will coat the paper towel and add texture and drape. Experiment with different thicknesses of paste. A basic paste can be made by mixing 2 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons water and 2 tablespoons of a thick craft glue. Stir well to avoid lumps.

4. Place paper towel shapes in the glue mixture. Cover with additional glue and allow the paper towel to soak up the glue. The paper

into the program encourages tree planting. According to studies conducted by Auburn University and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), tree planting is more economical than grass on selected sites.

If accepted into the program, the landowner must agree not to cultivate the land for at least ten years, during which time a ground cover of trees or grass is established.

essence the federal government rents the land from the landowner.

During the ten-year contract, the landowner will receive an annual rental payment from the government in cash or commodities, and will be eligible to receive cost-share assistance of up to 50 percent of the actual cost of establishing the ground cover.

To qualify for the program, the landowner must have owned the land prior to Dec. 31, 1984, or for at least three years since that time. The land must have been cropped for at least two years during the period 1981-85 and must be susceptible to erosion.

In addition to reducing erosion, the establishment of a suitable tree or grass cover enhances wildlife habitat. The establishment of a tree cover will provide a number of additional long-term benefits as well.

Landowners are encouraged to participate in the program by signing up at their Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) county office during this period.

For additional information concerning the program, contact the local ASCS, SCS, Alabama Forestry Commission or Extension Service Office.

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Household Hints

Angela G. Hughes
Associate County Agent

District Round-Up

What comes to mind when a round-up is mentioned? Long days out on the prairie, herding cattle, campfire? Well that's not exactly what the Coffee County 4-Hers think of when round-up is mentioned. It means a time to round-up county winners from eleven different counties to compete in many different programs. The youth have practiced many hours to be able to do their best in their area of competition.

The 4-Hers from Coffee County participating this year at District Round-Up were: Amanda Lunsford, dairy foods demonstration, New Brockton; Jeffrey Watson, small engines demonstration, Kinston; Heather Hutchinson, baked foods exhibit, Enterprise; Denise Farris, electric appliance demonstration, Kinston; Candice Creel, egg demonstration, New Brockton; Yvonne Nelson, fashion review, Enterprise; Stacy Phillips, Sr., electric appliance, New Brockton; Jennifer Lindsey, chicken que, New Brockton; Diana Platt, woodworking exhibit, New Brockton; John Pittman, public speaking, New Brockton; Brett Bryan, automotive driving, Elba; Bo Boyd, woodworking demonstration, Elba; Cornelius Barrows, chicken que, New Brockton; Kevin Grogg, woodworking exhibit, Kinston; Derrick Deal, compact tractor, Elba; Angie Edlins, public speaking, Zion Chapel; Russ Coffey, compact driving, Enterprise; Stan Walker, public speaking, New Brockton; Larry Beavers, breads exhibit, Kinston.

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S&S - 2:10, 7:10, 9:10

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Asbestos problem continues to haunt school officials

The Elba City Board of Education met on Thursday afternoon, July 7 and was told that the problem of asbestos in the schools had resurfaced and it would be necessary to perform semi-annual inspections to insure the material was not a threat to those working at the schools.

Buddy Windham, designated as the asbestos coordinator for the school system, informed the board members that he had recently at-

tended a workshop on asbestos and was told that all school systems in the state would be required to submit plans to the state by October 12, 1988 explaining its procedure in meeting the problem.

Windham explained that in 1983 when asbestos was removed from the boiler room and steam pipes at Elba High School the material removed was "friable asbestos," a material commonly used as insulation around pipes. The friable asbestos

was a type that could be easily crumbled, or made into a powdered state, and was found to be an immediate danger.

The type of material discussed at the workshop attended by Windham was described as "non-friable asbestos," a material commonly found in floor tiles and a material which presents no danger unless disturbed by moisture or an other outside agent.

The board was told it must file a

plan with the state by Oct. 12, 1988 which would include methods of testing for the material on a six-month schedule. While the removal of the non-friable material was not mandated at this time, the state did mandate each school system to employ a certified inspector to conduct an on-site inspection a minimum of once every three years.

The cost of the certified inspector is estimated at \$12-14,000 and must be funded by the local system, as the state made no funds available for the program.

Board members agreed that if one person was saved from illness because of the inspection it would be well worth the cost and voted unanimously to employ a certified inspector.

After the routine reading and acceptance of the minutes of the meetings held on June 9, 15 and 30 Supt. Lamar Foley reviewed the

board's financial statement and explained various items and expenses in the statement. After a brief discussion the statement was approved as presented.

Bids are to be opened on carpet to be installed at the Elementary School and Middle School, and Supt. Foley informed the board members that the carpet will replace worn carpet at both schools and also be installed at both administrative areas at the schools. The bids are to be opened July 22, 1988 at 2:00 p.m.

The board was informed that the city schools were accredited by both the state and the Southern Association of Accreditation and heard the superintendent report that during the coming school year representatives of the SAA would evaluate the entire system and make a report on the weaknesses and strengths in the school curriculum.

"We will use the evaluation to help develop short and long range goals for our schools," stated Foley, "and I feel the evaluation process can only help us become an even better school system."

In other action at the monthly meeting, the board:

***heard a report that minor leaks had been discovered in the junior high wing and approved a request to have a roofing expert inspect the area and make a recommendation;

***was told the Saturday Suspension Program was successful during the past year and approved its continuation;

***and, adjourned with all members present.

County Commission denies registrars request to purge voters list in county

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 11 at the courthouse in Elba and denied a request from the chairman of the Coffee County Board of Registrars that the commission publish a list of voters slated to be purged from the voter's list prior to the general election.

County chairman Chuck Lewis contacted the newspapers in the county last week and reported that state law required the voter's list to be purged and in a later conversation with the Alabama Secretary of State was told the commission was

required to provide his office with the necessary funds to properly do his job.

The Southeast Sun was the low bidder on the printing of the list, which was reported to include 6,000 names and according to Lewis the list was to be published in all three county newspapers twice during the month of July.

At Monday's meeting of the commission County Attorney Warren Rowe told the commissioners that Lewis didn't have the authority to have the list purged and published and recommended the commission not purge the list at the present time.

Comm. Robert Stephens stated that he believed the wording of a court order under which the county was forced to re-distric the purging of the voters list until the final settlement of the federal lawsuit and other commissioners

added that it would be bad timing to purge the list at the same time a re-identification program was underway.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission:

***approved the minutes of the meetings on June 27 and June 30, with an explanation of the wording of a bill that adjusted the salary of the Probate Judge and Sheriff;

***approved a bid for \$51,680 for the purchase of a chip spreader from Joe Money Machinery;

***accepted the low bid of \$10,963 from Boutwell Floor Covering on artificial turf to be installed at the Farm Center in New Brockton;

***was invited to visit the County Agent's kitchen at the state convention for county commis-

sions;

***was introduced to Randy Tindell, newly employed as assistant county engineer;

***agreed to take bids on fuel and latex rubber additive for the highway department;

***agreed to resurface a street in Kinston with the stipulation the city would pay the cost of materials;

***instructed the county engineer to meet with local manufacturers before taking bids on a piece of machinery used to pickup limbs;

***voted to borrow funds to pay the cost of resurfacing roads (with Comm. Bryan voting against the motion) and to pay for other recent purchases;

***tabled action on a request from District Judge Tom Head for a supplement to his salary to aid in gasoline expenses;

***discussed a lawsuit filed over the condition of a county road near the Geneva County line;

***was told the work at the Farm Center and on the fountain in Elba was nearing completion;

***was invited to hear Sec. of State Glen Browder speak July 20 in Enterprise;

***heard Comm. Billy Eagerton report that a county revealed that over 350 cars per day were using the Jeter subdivision road and the road needed immediate repair;

***was told that the Elba City Board of Education had offered to let the county use the Mulberry Heights school building for office space for a health department;

***expressed concern over the estimate that the new health department in Enterprise would cost between \$600,000 - \$1 million

Motion filed to free Shiloh man accused of murder

A hearing challenging the state's right to hold a Coffee County man being held on capital murder charges in connection with the death of a seven-year-old Enterprise youth was continued for the second time last week in Elba.

The hearing, held before Circuit Judge Terry Butts, was held after the defense filed a motion that there was no sufficient evidence to hold William Thomas Horstead on the murder charge and that denying Horstead bond was in violation of the accused's civil rights.

Horstead, of the Shiloh Community between Elba and New Brockton, was arrested March 15, 1988 and charged with capital murder and interfering with custody of Antonio Jermaine Brundidge, age 7, of Enterprise, after the lifeless body of the youngster was discovered in a vacant lot in Enterprise.

Horstead's murder charges include two additional counts that allege Horstead choked the child while committing sodomy or while engaged in or attempting to engage in sexual abuse.

At last week's hearing, Hillcrest Elementary School nurse Joanne Grimley testified that she had become suspicious of possible abuse in October 1987 after observing unusual marks on the youth's legs and stated that it looked like "somebody had tied him up."

Mrs. Grimley told the court the child originally told her the marks were caused by an accident, but later said a white man and a black man, both wearing clothes, had tied him up.

The nurse testified that the child cried when asked if the men had removed his clothes, and added that the mother of the child denied having any knowledge of the marks, prompting a reporting of the findings to authorities.

Sandra Manning, a teacher at the school attended by the victim, stated that another child had reported that both Antonio and his sister were being abused by the "fun man" and that she was also told that the relatives of the children made the children go with the two men and

do "whatever they wanted to do." Enterprise Police Department investigator Cindy Dunaway testified she had dropped an investigation concerning suspected abuse of the child and destroyed her notes after the Coffee County Department of Human Resources determined the reports were unfounded.

Dr. Alfredo Parades, a state pathologist, reported that his autopsy revealed no evidence the dead child had been sodomized; however, Phyllis Rolland, a state forensic lab technician, reported her tests on the child's undergarments indicated the presence of sperm in a fecal stain.

Defense attorney Paul Young questioned Ms. Rolland if it was possible to determine how long the stain had been in the underwear and she answered that it had been on the garment since the underwear had

been washed.

Kindergarten teacher Harriet Pittman told the court that two children in her classroom displayed marks that appeared to be rope marks on their legs and testified that both children told her the "fun man did it."

She reported the children described the "fun man" as two men, one described as white and short and the other as black and thin.

The kindergarten teacher stated that one of the children told her that his mother and the "fun man" once burned him with a cigarette and the teacher added the marks on the legs of the children in question were identical to the marks on the Brundidge youth.

Circuit Judge Terry Butts has set a preliminary hearing for Horstead on July 26.

Elba City Council hears requests

The Elba City Council met Monday evening with Mayor pro tem John W. Sharpless presiding. Absent were Mayor Bob English and Council member Malcom Davis.

A delegation from the Concerned Citizens Club of Elba was present requesting improvements at the Mulberry pool and recreation area.

Listed were seven suggestions and they were presented to the council by Winzell Gray.

One and two were either or furnish transportation for Mulberry children to the new pool or clean up the Mulberry pool. The clean up was to include cutting the grass, fixing the parking area and was expected to be completed within the next week. He also said the French firm had taken an American partner, and work on renovating the facility was expected to get underway within the near future.